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SUBJ: SPECIAL UNGA SESSION: CONSULTATIONS TO DATE

1. AMB SCALI HAS MET SEPARATELY (REPORTED BY SEPTELS) WITH EIGHT PERMREPS DURING THE LAST TWO WEEKS TO DISCUSS THE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION. THE PERMREPS WERE: AMB RAHAL (ALGERIA), AMB MEGUID (EGYPT), AMB ORTIZ DE ROSAS (ARGENTINA), AMB PEREZ DE CUELLAR (PERU), AMB ZAKARIA (MALAYSIA), AMB OGBU (NIGERIA), AMB FRAZAO (BRAZIL) AND AMB HOVEYDA (IRAN). TYPICALLY, AMB SCALI HAS INTRODUCED THE SUBJECT WITH A BRIEF SUMMARY OF US VIEWS AND ATTITUDES REGARDING THE SESSION. THE POINTS HE HAS MADE HAVE BEEN: (1) THAT THE USG, AFTER SOME SKEPTICISM HAS ACCEPTED THE MAJORITY'S WILL TO CONVENE THE SESSION. (2) WE LOOK FORWARD TO A CONSTRUCTIVE OUTCOME. (3) WE DO NOT WISH, OR SEEK, CONFRONTATION AND HOPE THAT ALL PARTIES CAN AVOID IT. (4) GIVEN THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL FIELD, WE BELIEVE A DRAMATIC EXPANSION OF THE PARAMETERS OF EXISTING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WOULD NOT BE IN THE COMMON INTEREST. (5) NOR DO WE WISH TO SEE THE SESSION ESTABLISH NEW MACHINERY, BUT RATHER TO CHANNEL ANY ACTION

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FLOWING FROM THE SESSION TO EXISTING UN AGENCIES AND BODIES.

(6) WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONSULTATIONS IN NY AND ELSEWHERE WITH ALL INTERESTED DELEGATIONS IN THE PERIOD LEADING UP TO, AND DURING, THE SESSION. (7) WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE CONCRETE SOLUTIONS TO THE MANY COMPLICATED ISSUES TO COME OUT OF SUCH A LARGE BODY IN ONLY THREE WEEKS TIME, ESPECIALLY UNDER THE RATHER VAGUE AGENDA. WE DO, HOWEVER, BELIEVE THAT THE SESSION MIGHT SERVE TO DEVELOP A NEW SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AMONG ALL COUNTRIES ON THE ISSUES INVOLVED WHICH, AT BEST, WOULD TEND TO ANIMATE IN A CONSTRUCTIVE WAY TECHNICAL AND WORKING LEVEL DISCUSSIONS ON SEPARATE ISSUES IN THE UN SYSTEM.

2. REACTION TO THIS PRESENTATION HAS BEEN FAVORABLE. EACH OF THE PERMREPS HAS RESPONDED THAT COOPERATION RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION SHOULD BE THE OBJECTIVE. THEY HAVE AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT CONCRETE SOLUTIONS FROM THE SPECIAL GA. ALL HAVE AGREED THAT, AS PLANNING FOR THE SESSION NOW STANDS, THE SUBSTANTIVE PORTION OF THE AGENDA WILL BE COMPOSED OF TWO PARTS: (1) A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AND (2) AN ACTION PROGRAM OR PLAN. ALL HAVE INDICATED AGREEMENT ON THE DESIRABILITY UNDER THE ACTION PLAN OF A DISTRIBUTION OF TASKS (STUDIES, CONSULTATIONS) TO ESTABLISHED UN BODIES AND AGENCIES, SUCH AS, ECOSOC, UNCTAD, FAO, WFC AND IMF COMMITTEE OF 20. FURTHERMORE, THEY HAVE RECOGNIZED AND ACKNOWLEDGED THE VERY DISTINCTIVE AND SPECIAL ROLE THAT THE US, DUE TO ITS ECONOMY, WILL PLAY IN ANY DISCUSSION OF RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT: THE US AS THE LARGEST IMPORTER AND EXPORTER OF RAW MATERIALS AND IMPORTER AND EXPORTER OF INDUSTRIALIZED GOODS MUST PLAY A KEY ROLE WHICH CUTS ACROSS ANY ARTIFICIAL LINES SEPARATING DEVELOPED FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, NORTH FROM SOUTH. THUS AMB ORTIZ DE ROSAS DESCRIBED THE USG'S POSITION AS COMPLETELY "UNIQUE" AND ONE WHICH CALLS ON US TO BE A LEADER OF THE SPECIAL SESSION. IT WAS HIS OPINION THAT THE SESSION IN FACT WAS IN DIRE NEED OF SUCH A LEADER AND INITIATOR. COMMENT: THIS CAN ALSO MEAN THAT THE U.S. WILL BE THE PRINCIPAL TARGET OF PERFERVID THIRD WORLD ORATORY.

3. ALTHOUGH THE RHETRIC VARIED, THE PERMREPS SUGGESTED THAT THE MAXIMUM BENEFIT WHICH COULD RESULT FROM THE BRIEF SESSION WOULD BE THE INJECTION OF A FRESH DOSE OF CONFIDENTIAL

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POLITICAL WILL ON THE PART OF DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND FULL RECOGNITION FOR FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL INTERDEPENDENCE OF ALL ECONOMIES.

4. EACH PERM REP IN HIS WAY DESCRIBED THE STATE OF CONFUSION THAT THE ALGERIAN INITIATIVE INTRODUCED INTO LDC RANKS. THE NON-ALIGNED AND G-77 HAVE BEEN, AMONG THEMSELVES AND BETWEEN THEMSELVES, DIVIDED ON THE AGENDA AND THE

SESSION'S OBJECTIVES. THE CLEAREST EXAMPLE OF THIS HAS TO DO WITH WHETHER OR NOT ENERGY, AND PARTICULARLY, THE PRICE OF PETROLEUM, WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE SESSION. THE GENERAL CONSLUTION OF OUR CONVERSATIONS IS THAT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE SESSION WILL CONTINUE TO BE A DIVISIVE ISSUE IN SOME RESPECTS AMONG THE LDC'S, BUT THAT THE MOST PROBABLE OUTCOME OF THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS IS THAT THE SESSION'S AGENDA AND DEBATES WILL BE RATHER AMORPHOUS WITH A STEADY VOLLEY OF SHOTS AT THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD AND "IMPERIALISM". SEVERAL OF THE PERMREPS, WHILE ACCEPTING THE NEED FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION AT THIS TIME, VIEW IT AS SETTING THE TONE FOR, AND/OR IN PREPARATION FOR, SUBSEQUENT UN SESSIONS, PARTICULARLY THE AGREED-TO SPECIAL UNGA IN 1975.

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5. LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION IS A CONCERN OF ALL, BUT MANY DECISIONS ARE NOT YET FIRM. THE LATINS ASSUME THAT DUE TO THE OAS SESSION IN ATLANTA IN APRIL, THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL ATTEND. IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THERE WILL BE UP TO 75 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL AND ABOVE.

6. THESE IMPRESSIONS OF ATTITUDES TOWARD THE SPECIAL SESSION FROM AMB. SCALI CONVERSATIONS HAVE BEEN BORNE OUT IN MISSOFFS CONVERSATIONS AT THE WORKING LEVEL.

7. COMMENTS: NONE OF OUR CONVERSATIONS REVEALED ANY NEW PLANS OR

ASPIRATIONS NOT HEARD BEFORE WHICH ALERIA AND OTHERS MAY HAVE FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION AND THEREAFTER. HOWEVER, IT IS TOO MUCH TO HOPE THAT THEY WOULD BE SATISFIED WITH PLATITUDINOUS APPEALS FOR GREATER INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO SPEED THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT WHILE ADEQUATELY SAFEGUARDING LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD. INFORMATION CONTAINED ALGIERS 0576 AND FIRST LOOK AT G-77 ACTION PLAN (USUN 910) TEND TO REINFORCE OUR SKEPTICISM.

8. IT APPEARS TO US THAT CERTAIN UN MEMBRS, PROBABLY WITH ALGERIA IN THE FOREFRONT, WILL TRY TO ACHIEVE WHAT UNCTAD HAS FAILED TO DO, TO GAIN UN BLESSING FOR NAC
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RESOLUTIONS ON ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL MATTERS AND, ESSENTIALLY, TO UT THESE QUESTIONS WITHIN THE POLITICAL FRAMEWORK OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. DEGREE TO WHICH THEY WILL SUCCEED WILL DEPEND ON (1) ABILITY OF LDCS TO REDUCE THEIR CONFLICTING INTERESTS INTO PROGRAM ACCEPTABLE TO ALL OF THEM AND (2) WHETHER OR NOT MODERATE LDCS DESIRE TO ASSOCIATE DEVELOPED WORLD WITH CONSTRUCTIVE BUT NOT REVOLUTIONARY CHANGE AND WHETHER THEY ARE ABLE TO STAND UP TO MILITANT DYNAMISM AND DEMOGOGIC SELF-SEEKING OF SUCH COUNTRIES AS ALGERIA, SENEGAL, YUGOSLAVIA AND OTHERS.
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